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In re Application of )  
DONALD L. SCHILLING et al. )  
Serial No. 09/729,911 )  
Filed: December 6, 2000 )  
For: DISTRIBUTED NETWORK, SPREAD- )  
SPECTRUM SYSTEM )

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Kindly amend the above-captioned patent application as  
follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the following claims:

5. (Once Amended) A distributed network, spread-spectrum  
system, comprising:

a central office for sending a plurality of packets  
over the distributed network;

a hub node for receiving the plurality of packets from  
the central office, and for sending the plurality of packets  
with spread-spectrum modulation over the distributed network;

a plurality of nodes for relaying the plurality of  
packets with spread-spectrum modulation; and